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# VETERINARY SERVICES NOTICE 99-01 Appendix 4: Indemnity Plan AMENDMENT

SUBJECT: Adjusting the Producer Cost Offset for the Accelerated Pseudorabies

**Eradication Program** 

TO: Directors, VS Regions

Area Veterinarians in Charge, VS

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to transmit a replacement for Veterinary Services (VS) Notice 99-01, Appendix 4: Indemnity Plan, Section 9, dated January 14, 1999.

#### II. CANCELLATIONS

VS Notice 99-01 Amendment, dated April 22,1999, is here by canceled.

### III. GENERAL

This replacement of VS Notice 99-01, Appendix 4: Indemnity Plan, Section 9, on indemnifying owners of pseudorabies affected swine herds depopulated under the Accelerated Pseudorabies Eradication Program (APEP) is amended to:

- 1. Eliminate Time Block Three.
- 2. Extend the time period for an owner to enter Time Block Two.
- 3. Permit owners whose herds were previously depopulated under the provision of Time Block Three to be compensated at the Time Block Two rate.
- 4. Confirm that newly discovered pseudorabies herds can be depopulated at Time Block One rates by meeting the requirements of that Time Block.

The indemnity rates in Time Block Three have not stimulated many of the owners who missed Time Blocks One and Two to depopulate their affected herds. To encourage more participation in this program, Time Block Three is hereby eliminated and all herds, including those that previously declined to participate in the APEP and those currently signed up in Time Block Three, are eligible to qualify for the higher compensation offered in Time Block Two. All owners who depopulated under Time Block Three will be provided a supplemental indemnity payment of the difference between what they would have received under Time Block Two and what they actually received under Time Block Three.



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Extending the time period for entering Time Block Two provides an opportunity for more herds to be depopulated by giving the owners of affected herds a chance to reconsider their earlier decision not to enter the APEP. It is intended that all such owners be made aware of this revision and be given the opportunity to depopulate under the Time Block Two provisions. No decision has been made on how long the extension for entering Time Block Two will remain in effect, so it is important that the interested owners be encouraged to exercise this option with as little delay as possible.

Newly affected swine herds will continue to be eligible to enter Time Block One for thirty (30) days after their quarantine date.

The supplementary indemnity payments for eligible owners are calculated in accordance with the attached "ACCELERATED PSEUDORABIES ERADICATION PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL INDEMNITY PAYMENTS" form. The completed form, with the Area Veterinarian in Charge (AVIC) endorsement, is to be sent to the Accounting Section, Minneapolis Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP) Business Site for processing or may be processed locally with the AVIC if the Area Office has the appropriate check writing authority.

VS Notice 99-01 Appendix 4, Section 9 now reads:

"9. There will be two Time Blocks allotted to sign up for the APEP. Time Block One is for newly infected herds and extends for thirty (30) days beginning on the date of quarantine. Time Block Two begins on day thirty-one (31) after quarantine for newly affected herds. All previously quarantined herds are eligible for Time Block Two."

Producer Cost Offset, Dollars per Head

Class of Swine	Time Block One	Time Block Two
Market Swine ≥200 pounds	\$5.00	\$4.00
Swine <200 pounds	\$20.00	\$15.00
Breeding swine	\$50.00	\$45.00

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Alfonso Torres Deputy Administrator Veterinary Services

Enclosure

## ACCELERATED PSEUDORABIES ERADICATION PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL INDEMNITY PAYMENTS WORKSHEET

Name and Address of Owner or Payee	Date Claim Signed	Indemnity Allowance Under Block 2	Indemnity Paid Under Block 3	Difference Supplemental Indemnity Owed

Date

APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Signature of AVIC